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1. All five Chinese newspapers now published in Shanghai are strictly supervised and controlled according to the Communist Party line. A few minor deviations caused two Chinese newspapers to close down in early July 1949. The Ta Kung Pao has twice had to grovel abjectly and to engage in public self-purification, and it is now completely subservient to Communist control. The Shanghai delegation to the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference included important staff members of all Shanghai newspapers.
2. Shanghai newspapers, with the exception of the Shang Pao a commercial daily, have been granted exemption from business taxes, on the grounds that they are non-profit making and not in competition with cultural and state-operated enterprises, and that their purpose is to coordinate government policy.
3. The following are the Chinese newspapers in Shanghai:
 - a. Chieh Fang Jih Pao (Liberation Daily), the official Communist Party organ; YUN Yi-chun (云逸群), Deputy Director.
 - b. Wen Hui Pao, connected with the Democratic League; HSU Chu-cheng (徐铸成), Publisher.
 - c. Sin Wen Jih Pao, privately owned; CHIN Chung-hua (金仲华), Editor-in-chief; CHOU Fan-yang (周凡扬), CHIN Pen-li (钦本立), HU Hsing-yuan (胡星源), assistant editors; and WANG Pao-chi (王跑奇), member of the Board of Directors.
 - d. Ta Kung Pao, privately owned; WANG Yu-sheng (王芸生), Editor and YANG Kang (杨康), Deputy Editor.
 - e. Hsin Min Pao, privately owned; CHEN Ming-te (陈铭德), General Manager, HSUAN Ti-chih (宣统之), principal writer of editorials, and CHAO Chao-kou (超超构), member of the staff.
4. The Lao Tung Pao (Labor News), published by the preparatory Committee of the Shanghai General Labor Union, and the Ching Nien Pao (Youth News), published by the Work Committee of the New Democracy Youth for Peace in the China Area, were merged into the Chieh Fang Jih Pao on 14 September 1949.

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